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Now - Dec 2011

Sumter Mall Monthly Events

Red Cross Blood Drive

Last Saturday of each month

12Noon-5pm

Mr. Ladd's Puppet Show

3rd Saturday - 1pm & 2pm

Sumter Family Health Screenings

3rd Wednesday of each month

Free screenings and breakfast

7:30am-9:30am

Sumter Mothers of Twins Club Meeting

1st Thursday of each month

7:30pm Community Room

Sumter Digital Camera Club

2nd Thursday 7pm Community Room

RC Car Club Meeting

2nd Wed 7pm Community Room

Free Qi Gong Yoga

Each Friday 8:30-9:30

Walk Your Heart with Tuomey

2nd Thursday of each month

Free screenings and breakfast

7:30am-8:30am

Senior BINGO

1st Tuesday of each month

11am-12pm

Now - Dec 2011

Sumter County Recreation Department Weekly Activities - Sumter County Recreation Department, 155 Haynsworth St.

Monday: Belly Dancing - 6:30pm

Tuesday: Karate 6:30pm, Square Dancing 7:00pm
Wednesday: Bridge 7:00pm
Thursday: Karate, Clogging & Line Dancing 6:30pm
Saturday: Karate 12:30pm
For more information call (803) 436-2248.

Now - Dec 2011

"Yoga at the Library" - Sumter County Library, Main Branch, 111 N. Harvin St. - This event will begin on Tuesday, April 19th at 5:30pm and will be held every other week - Yoga at the Library is instructed by Scott Freiberg of Yoga Without Walls - FREE and open to the public - Interested participants need to sign up by calling 773-7273 or visiting the Reference Desk at the Main Library.

Now - Dec 2011

Free Resume and Job Searching Assistance - Sumter County Library, 111 N. Harvin St. - Anyone can come to the library on a day the program is going on and receive free help with creating a resume or cover letter, and also help in searching and applying for jobs. - A full list of dates and times can be found on our website at <http://www.sumtercountylibrary.org/programs>, or a flyer can be picked up at all locations. - Call 773.7273 for more information - No registration required.

Now - Oct 22

City of Sumter Aquatics Center Open for 2011 Season - City of Sumter Aquatics Center 1115 S. Lafayette Dr. - Tues-Sun you can enjoy cool waters in the warm sun Open Swim is from 12pm to 5:00pm Tuesday through Friday, Saturday 11 am to 6pm and 1:30pm to 6pm on Sundays - Family Night on Sundays from 6:15pm to 8:00pm - Due to High School Swim team Practice, we will not be able to offer Thursday night Family Swim at this time - Kids you must bring a parent if you are 12 and under - If you are 13 to 18 you must sign up for your official ID - Enjoy the fabulous spray fountain and twister slide or join the Swim Team and travel to compete - Call (803) 774-3998 or visit <http://www.sumtersc.gov/visitingus/aquatic.aspx> for more information today.
*August 16th Sumter High VS Carolina Forest 5pm - 8 pm Pool closed

Now - Sep 24

Downtown Sumter Farmers Market - Rotary Centennial Plaza, corner of Liberty and Main - Saturday's from 8:30am-12:30pm - Peaches, Tomatoes, Squash, Peppers, Cucumbers, Egg Plant, Cantaloupe, Farm Fresh Eggs, Happy Cow Milk, Corn Mill, Grits, Rice, Jam, Jellies, Fresh Meats - For more information call (803) 436-2640.

Now - End of September

Learn to Swim - City of Sumter Aquatics Center, 1115 S. Lafayette Dr. - Weekly classes begin June 7th (5:30-6:15pm) - The city of Sumter Aquatics Center offers swim lessons for ages 3 and up and a parent/"tot" (6mo.-3 yrs) class - Students will learn swim strokes and rescue techniques appropriate for their skill level, as well as general pool safety - All classes are taught by certified ARC

instructors. Cost for one week (Tuesday-Friday): \$25 - Cost for two weeks (Tuesday-Friday): \$40 - Saturday classes available upon request at \$5.00 per class - For more information call (803) 774-3998.

Now - Oct 22

Water Exercise Classes - City of Sumter Aquatics Center, 1115 S. Lafayette Dr. - Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 6:15-7:00pm you can enjoy aerobic water exercises using noodles and bar bells and other unique resistive equipment - \$2 per person, per class - For more information call (803) 774-3998.

Now - Aug 26

2011 Sumter Artists' Guild Show - Sumter County Gallery of Art, 200 Hasel St. - Opening reception will be from 5:30-7:30pm on July 7th - If you are not a member of the gallery, there is a \$5 charge for the opening reception - At all other times admission is FREE - The Sumter Artists Guild was founded in 1966. It is comprised of amateur and professional artists and art enthusiasts. The annual Sumter Artists' Guild show provides an opportunity for these artists to "strut their stuff". Guild members working in visual arts or craft use a variety of media: oils, watermedia, sculpture, mixed media, natural material such as gourds, fiber arts and ceramics - Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 11am-5pm and Sunday 1:30-5pm - Closed Mondays and major holidays - For more information, please visit [www. Sumterartistguild.org](http://www.Sumterartistguild.org) or call the Gallery at (803) 775-0543.

Now - Aug 28

The Gracecard - Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St. - This film will be showing August 7, 14, 21, 28 at 4:00 p.m. and August 3, 10, 17, 24 at 7:00 p.m. - Be a part of a grace awakening with this powerful film - FREE event - Due to limited seating tickets are required - For tickets call (803) 494-7000 (First Church of the Nazarene.)

Now - Sep 16

Statewide Medical Humanities Prose and Poetry Event - Open to Patients, Patients' Families, Health Care Providers, Healthcare Volunteers - Sumter, SC is the host city for the 18th Annual South Carolina Humanities Festival - This call for submissions is one of the many functions coordinated by the Sumter County Cultural Commission during the festival from Oct. 1-9, 2011 - Entrants may submit up to two pieces in each category - Submissions must be original and may not have been previously published or be under consideration elsewhere - Maximum length of manuscripts is 50 lines for poetry & 600 words for prose - Submissions due Sept. 16, 2011 - Two printed copies of the manuscript (typed and double-spaced) and an electronic copy must be submitted - E-mailed submissions will not be accepted - Include your name, address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address - Forward to: James Borton Arts & Letters Division, University of South Carolina Sumter, 200 Miller Rd. Sumter, S.C. 29150 Subject: Medical Humanities Program - For more information, please contact James Borton at (803) 522-2324.

Now - Aug 18

Fall Sports Registration - Sumter County Recreation Department - 155 Haynsworth Street -Featuring: Tackle Football, Soccer, Cheerleading, Flag Football, Baseball, Girls Softball, and Adult Softball - For information call (803) 436-2248.

AUGUST 11

Sumter @ Six Outdoor Concert Series - Brody Pavilion Downtown on Harvin Street - 6-8:30pm - Sponsored by the City of Sumter, H&S Wholesalers/Budweiser, First Citizens Bank and Xdos - "Billy Scott & The Party Prophets" will take the stage at 6pm - Tonight's featured food vendor is Outback Steakhouse - Bring your lawn chairs and join us for fun - Sumter@Six starts at 6 pm the second Thursday of each month and offers a chance to break out the dancing shoes, meet friends old and new, and get moving to some of the best in live beach music - FREE admission Food and beverages will be for sale; no coolers, please - For information call (803)436-2640.

Sumter @ Six: 2nd Thursday (April-October) 2011

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October 13th - Band of Oz

11- 14

SLT presents "Lend Me a Tenor" - Sumter Little Theatre, 14 Mood Ave. - Thurs.- Sat. 8pm & Sunday 3pm - Written by: Ken Ludwig - Winner of 3 Tony Awards and 4 Drama Desk Awards, Lend Me A Tenor is set in September 1934 - A sensation on Broadway and in London's West End, this madcap, screwball comedy is guaranteed to leave audiences teary-eyed with laughter. - Playbill - Ticket prices: \$15 for adults and \$12 for student/senior/military - For more information call (803) 775-2150.

12

Sumter's House of Classic Movies featuring True Grit (the original) - Sumter Opera House, 21 North Main Street - Doors open at 7pm and the show begins promptly at 7:30pm - This series is presented on the 2nd Friday of each month - Sumter Civic Theater in partnership with the Sumter County Library is bringing back the Classics to the true die hard movie buffs - Each feature film will be provided by the Sumter County Library -The cost is only \$2.50 (two dollars and fifty cents) per person and all proceeds will go the Sumter County Library Children's Programs - Seating is limited so come early - For more information call (803)436-2640.

12

Downtown Friday Nights presents Comedy Night at Hampton's Main Room, 30 N. Main St. - 9pm - Opener Jamey Stone, Headliner Ken Evans - Sponsored by Hamptons and Downtown Sumter - Admission is \$10 - Food and drinks will be available for purchase - For more information, call (803) 774-4400.

13

Thomas Sumter Invitational - City of Sumter Aquatics Center, 1115 S. Lafayette Blvd. - Warm-ups from 8-9am - Begin meet at 9am - Fees will be \$4.00 per student and \$6.00 per adult - Teams Participating: Thomas Sumter Academy, Wilson Hall, St. Francis Xavier, Newberry Academy, Pinewood Prep, Northwood Academy, Heathwood Hall, Hammond, Ashley Hall, and Trinity Collegiate - All events will be pre-seeded - Some events may be combined to encourage competition or to improve the flow of the meet - Events will be scored to six places - Relay points are doubled All times will be recorded by Daktronics Timing system - 1st-3rd place team trophies, High Point male and female awards, 1st place medals, and 2nd-6th place ribbons - Limited seating on the pool deck is available - No cooler on deck - Concession stand with drinks and snacks will be sold - Proceeds will benefit the City of Sumter Aquatics Center - For more information, please call (803) 774-3998.

*Due to swim meet, pool will not open for open swim until 2:30pm

13-14

"Dog Days of Summer" Benefit for SPCA of Sumter - Dillon Park, 1210 Clara Louise Kellogg Drive - Saturday, August 13 at 10:00am - August 14 at 4:00pm - Custom Celebrations of Carolina presents Dog Days of Summer - A Weekend of fun-filled dog related activities to benefit the SPCA of Sumter - Admission: \$5 donation - All parents of "furkids" will receive a doggie bag of treats & coupons from local dog-friendly businesses - Featuring face painting, bounce house, etc. for the "2-footed kids", dog contests, furry photos, entertainment and much more - For advanced tickets, visit <http://buytickets.at/custom-celebrations-of-carolina/1109>
<<http://buytickets.at/custo?m-celebrations-of-carolina/?/1109><http://buytickets.at/custom-celebrations-of-carolina/1109>> - Lots of Activities - Disc Dog competition, Pet-Look-Alike Contest, face painting, bounce house, etc.
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Also, we're partnering with area dog-friendly businesses to give all "parents" a "doggie bag" of treats and coupons!

18 - 21

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19

Sumter's House of Classics II featuring Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid - Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St. - Movie starts at 7:30pm - Doors open at 7:00

pm - Sumter's House of Classics II is the first Friday of each month - The sequel to an already great series, Sumter's House of Classic Movies, Classics II features more recent classics and some fare one normally would not see at the usual Classic Movie night - Tickets are \$2.50 per person at the door on the day of the show - For more information call (803) 436-2640.

19

Fridays at the Plaza Concert Series featuring "As If" - Rotary Centennial Plaza (corner of Liberty and South Main Streets) - 7-10 pm - Fridays caters to an adult audience and features an exciting variety of live music, from classic rock to cool jazz - Bring your lawn chairs and be part of the fun - Adult venue - Admission to Fridays at the Plaza is free - Food and beverages are for sale; no coolers are permitted - Parking available in the Opera House parking lot; Harvin Street, Sumter - For more information about downtown Sumter's free outdoor concerts, log on to www.sumtersc.gov <<http://www.sumtersc.gov/>> or please call the Swan Lake Visitors Center at (803) 436-2640 or 1-800-688-4748.

20

SCISA Volleyball Jamboree - Sumter County Civic Center, 700 W. Liberty St. - Time TBA - More details coming soon - For more information call (803) 436-2270.

20-21

USSSA Baseball Tournament - Patriot Park Sportsplex, 380 General Drive - Spectators welcome - Adults \$5.00 - Children 12 & under \$3.00

For more information (803) 436-2248

26

Downtown Friday Nights presents "Country Music at the Terrace" - City Centre Terrace (next to Angel's), 25 N. Main St. - 7-10pm - Country Music Band Here and Now will be performing - FREE concert sponsored by Angel's - Food and drinks will be available for purchase - For more information call (803) 436-2640.

26-27

12th Annual Churches Challenge Golf Tournament and Praise Rally - The Praise Rally and dinner will be held at Alice Drive Baptist Church on Friday evening at 6pm for players, sponsors and their families - The golf tournament will held at Sunset Country Club on Saturday with a morning tee time at 8am, followed by the afternoon tee time at 1:00 pm - Registration opened on May 1st - The field will be limited to two flights, the morning and afternoon - Each flight will be made up of 20 teams on a first come first served basis - Churches and players are urged to register early to assure their team having a slot in the tournament - Prizes consists of a \$10,000 hole-in-one prize with the proceeds going to the church of the person making the shot, with \$1,000 going to the individual making the shot - There will be cash prizes going to the churches of the top three winning teams - Also prizes will be awarded for closest to the pin and long drive

For registration and more information call the Christian Golfers' Association office at (803)773-2171.

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Sumter Cruisers Car Club Cruise-in - Kmart (parking lot), 1143 Broad St. - 5-8pm
Cruise-ins are held on the fourth Saturday from April to October - If you have a car to show, you are welcome to join the cruisers for the cruise-in - FREE admission - If you don't have a show car please come anyway and see the nice cars - For more information contact John Coward (803)481-3003.

Upcoming Dates:

September 24, 2011

October 22, 2011

27-28

ISA Softball Tournament - Patriot Park Sportsplex, 380 General Drive - Spectators Welcome - Admission is \$5/adults and \$3/children 12 & under - For more information call (803) 436-2248.

29 - Dec 15

Fall computer classes - Sumter County Library Main Branch, Harvin St. - These classes include Computer Basics, Keyboarding, Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint, Genealogy, and Email - Classes are absolutely free to the community - Schedules are available online at <http://www.sumtercountylibrary.org/programs> and at your closest library location. To register, call 773.7273.

SEPTEMBER

2

Sumter's House of Classics II featuring "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" - Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St. - Movie starts at 7:30pm - Doors open at 7:00 pm - Sumter's House of Classics II is the first Friday of each month - The sequel to an already great series, Sumter's House of Classic Movies, Classics II features more recent classics and some fare one normally would not see at the usual Classic Movie night - Tickets are \$2.50 per person at the door on the day of the show - For more information call (803) 436-2640.

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6 - Oct 20

Stroke and Endurance Training for Upcoming TriSumter Triathlon on October 22nd - City of Sumter Aquatics Center, 1115 S. Lafayette Dr. - Tuesday through Friday from 11am-1pm - The TriSumter Triathlon will take place on October 22nd and will consist of a 300 yard pool swim in the outdoor heated pool at the City of Sumter Aquatics Center - There will also be a 15 mile bike course and a 5 k running course that will travel throughout the Sumter area - The race will be organized and timed by Race Day Events - To register for this event, please visit www.trisumtertri.edgereg.com. For additional information and to register for this training, please call (803) 774-3998 or visit <http://www.sumtersc.gov/visitingus/TriSumter.aspx>.

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13

Sumter National Anthem Project Day - Patriot Hall Performing Arts Center, 135 Haynsworth St. - 6:30pm - Join Sumter at 6:30pm on the front steps of Patriot Hall for Sumter's Seventh Annual National Anthem Project Day! - Hear from our Dignitaries, Choirs to sing A Salute To The Armed Forces and The Star-Spangled Banner - Truly an inspirational day for us all - Speakers from City and County as well as Shaw AFB will be in attendance - We are excited to present this inspirational and educational event again this year in Sumter - This event is

FREE and open to the public - For more information, go to
www.thenationalanthemproject.org <<http://www.thenationalanthemproject.org/>> .

15

Sumter Green's Fall Feast - USC Sumter Nettles Auditorium - 6pm-9pm - Sumter Green is proud to announce the 2011 Sumter Green Fall Feast featuring the fabulous sounds of "Free Flight" - Sumter will enjoy a fabulous evening with great food and great entertainment - A perfect Parent's night out! Delicious food from the traditional taste's of Mom's home cooking to exotic flavor bites from the wild - Flavors and tastes like Sumter's never eaten before will be served - If you enjoy the Taste at the Gardens in May during the Iris Festival, then you'll love the FALL FEAST - Come and feast on the flavors of Sumter - Admission in to the festivities is a donation of \$30.00 per person at the door and includes your fabulous feasting, adult beverages, entertainment and lots of fun with great friends new and old - Investment sponsors, food donations and your ticket donation all go to Sumter Green's beautification mission - Limited advance tickets will be available for a reduced rate of only \$25.00 per person at the Swan Lake Visitors Center (Visa/MasterCard accepted) - For more information on how to purchase tickets call 436-2640. bites from the wild! Flavors and tastes like Sumter's never eaten before will be served! Enjoy favorites from grilled brats, shrimp & grits, zesty BBQ, drunken' collards, chili, famous coleslaw to alligator, catfish or wildlife stews, frog legs, fried turkeys, chicken bog, variety of sweets, spiral potatoes, and more! WOW...too many to list! If you enjoy the Taste at the Gardens in May during the Iris Festival, then you'll love the FALL FEAST! Come and feast on the flavors of Sumter! bites from the wild! Flavors and tastes like Sumter's never eaten before will be served! Enjoy favorites from grilled brats, shrimp & grits, zesty BBQ, drunken' collards, chili, famous coleslaw to alligator, catfish or wildlife stews, frog legs, fried turkeys, chicken bog, variety of sweets, spiral potatoes, and more! WOW...too many to list! If you enjoy the Taste at the Gardens in May during the Iris Festival, then you'll love the FALL FEAST! Come and feast on the flavors of Sumter! or bites from the wild! Flavors and tastes like Sumter's never eaten before will be served! Enjoy favorites from grilled brats, shrimp & grits, zesty BBQ, drunken' collards, chili, famous coleslaw to alligator, catfish or wildlife stews, frog legs, fried turkeys, chicken bog, variety of sweets, spiral potatoes, and more! WOW...too many to list! If you enjoy the Taste at the Gardens in May during the Iris Festival, then you'll love the FALL FEAST! Come and feast on the flavors of Sumter!

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16

31st Annual Rub O' the Green Golf Tournament- Sunset Country Club, 1005 Golfcrest Dr. - Shotgun starts at 8:00am & 1:30pm - Social & Awards begin at 6:00pm at Sunset Country Club (sponsored by Piggly Wiggly Stores) - Featuring D.J. Grady Brown -Deadline for registration is September 5th at 5pm or call for availability No refunds after deadline - Tournament reservations will be accepted by completed entry form and check or credit card - In the event of a full tournament, a waiting list will be kept on a first-come, first-served basis - For more information call the Sumter Chamber of Commerce at (803) 775-1231.

16-18

Conference Carolinas Individual Championships - Palmetto Tennis Center, 400 Theatre Drive - Over 180 College players from 12 different universities in North and South Carolina will meet for this event - Spectators welcome, FREE admission - For more information please call (803)774-3969.

17-18

ISA Softball Tournament - Patriot Park Sportsplex, 380 General Drive - Spectators Welcome - Admission is \$5/adults and \$3/children 12 & under - For more information call (803) 436-2248.

19 -
Oct 10

2011 Taiwanese Film Festival - Sumter County Library Main Branch, 111 N. Harvin St. - The 2011 Taiwanese Film Festival arrives at the Sumter County Library this September and October - Four feature films from Taiwanese directors and producers will be shown in the Main Meeting Room of the Main Library - This four films are beautifully crafted and capture the modern spirit of Taiwan.

Monday, September 19 @ 6pm

"YangYang - So, you speak french?"

Monday, September 26 @ 6pm

"Our Dreams, Our Island"

Monday, October 3 @ 6pm

"Cape No. 7"

Monday, October 10 @ 6pm

"Kung Fu Dunk"

Join us for these fabulous foreign films that are certain to delight and entertain. For more information, call (803) 773-7273.

22 - 25

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23

Sumter Shaw Street Fest - Main Street in downtown Sumter - 5:30-10:00pm - Friday, September 23rd is the 10th Annual Sumter-Shaw Street Fest... a salute to the men and women stationed at Shaw Air Force Base - Come join Sumter's largest FREE street party ever - The Street Fest kicks off at 5:30 pm as you walk your way down Main Street and hear the sounds of the talented Lemira Percussion Ensemble - Featuring non stop music with two great bands "Tokyo Joe" and the "USAF Rhythm in Blue Jazz Ensemble" - For the kids we have a FREE Children's area with City, County and Military displays, Sumter Cruisers Car Display, friendly characters, inflatables, rides, games, arts and crafts with the Sumter County Gallery of Art and much more - Various food and beverages of all types will be available for purchase - Fun for all ages - For more information, please call (803) 436-2640 or visit www.downtownsumter.com .

23

Backyard Jamboree - The O'Donnell House, 120 E. Liberty St. - 5:30-9:30pm - Sumter Senior Services presents the 7th annual Backyard Jamboree - Music by Becki McLeod and Band - Barbecue Prepared by Sumter's Top Pit Masters: Jonathan Teseniar: Williamsburg Style-Spicy with lots of Pepper, Mike Tucker: Southern Style, Gary Elmore: Cuban Style, Larry Matthews: BBQ Pro--Hamburger & Hotdog Master, Carroll Hallmark: Chili Master -Baked Beans, Slaw, Desserts, Soft Drinks and Adult Beverages - New this year: Tasting of fine bourbons (Tickets \$15 each) Bourbon tastings will be from 6-7pm - Bourbon lovers will not want to miss this Tickets: Adults \$25, Senior Citizens (65+) \$20, Children (6 to 12) \$15, Children 5 and under are free - To purchase tickets or for more information, please visit www.backyardjamboree.org <<http://www.backyardjamboree.org/>> , or call (803) 773-5508.

23-26

USTA ITA Southeast Regional - Palmetto Tennis Center, 400 Theatre Drive - Over 400 players - Individual tournament for players from throughout the Southeast and Florida - Participating conferences are the Peachbelt, Conference Carolinas and South Atlantic - Winners in the A flight qualify for Nationals - Spectators Welcome! - FREE - For more information please call (803)774-3969.

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For more information contact John Coward (803)481-3003.

Upcoming Dates: October 22, 2011

27 - Oct 1

Sumter County Fair - Sumter County Fair Grounds, S. Artillery Dr. - Presented by American Legion Post 15 - For more information call (803)775-5200.

OCTOBER

1-9

South Carolina Humanities Festival - Hosted by the Sumter County Cultural Commission, the 18th Annual Humanities Festival will include exhibits, historic tours, an essay contest and more - More information, including a detailed schedule of events coming soon.

6

Porches of Sumter: Simply Delicious - Memorial Park, Hampton Ave. - 5:30-8:30pm - This is a BRAND NEW event - Starts at Memorial Park and you can walk to the selected homes/porches that are participating to sample southern foods - Drinks and entertainment will be available at Memorial Park - Must have ticket to enter
More information coming soon with pricing and details!

7

Sumter's House of Classics II featuring The Wizard of Oz- Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St. - Movie starts at 7:30pm - Doors open at 7:00 pm - Sumter's House of Classics II is the first Friday of each month - The sequel to an already great series, Sumter's House of Classic Movies, Classics II features more recent classics and some fare one normally would not see at the usual Classic Movie night - Tickets are \$2.50 per person at the door on the day of the show - For more information call (803) 436-2640.

7

Central Carolina Technical College Foundation Golf Tournament - Details coming soon! - For more information, call (803) 778-6646.

8

Carolina Backcountry Harvest - Sumter County Museum, 122 N. Washington St. - 10am - 4pm - A living history event set in the 1800's - Demonstrations of daily life include cooking, blacksmithing, spinning and more - Students and volunteers will be dressed in authentic period costume and will be carrying out activities that demonstrate what autumn was like for local settlers before the era of modern conveniences - Typical foods of the era, which include from-scratch biscuits baked in a Dutch oven over an open fire, bacon, sausage, quail on a string, root vegetables, apple pie, venison, wild turkey and more will be prepared - FREE and open to the public - For information call 803-775-0908.

8

Red Hat Society Day - Sumter Mall - 10am-2pm - Welcome Red and Pink Hatters - We will also welcome other groups of ladies with fancy hats for a meet & greet - Registration is \$10.00 - Register by September 1st for a special drawing - September 15th is the cutoff date for registration - For more information, call (803) 883-2544.

8

Fifth Annual Forrest Ray 5K - Downtown Library, 111 N. Harvin Street - This event is for the Friends of the Sumter County Library - Registration begins at 8am - Run/Walk begins at 9am - More details coming soon - For more information call (803) 773-7273.

8-9

USSSA Baseball Tournament - Patriot Park Sportsplex, 380 General Drive - Spectators welcome - Adults \$5.00 - Children 12 & under \$3.00

For more information (803) 436-2248

13

Sumter @ Six Outdoor Concert Series - Brody Pavilion Downtown on Harvin Street - 6-8:30pm - Sponsored by the City of Sumter, H&S Wholesalers/Budweiser, First Citizens Bank and Xdos - "Band of Oz will take the stage at 6pm - Tonight's featured food vendor is Applebee's - Bring your lawn chairs and join us for fun - Sumter@Six starts at 6 pm the second Thursday of each month and offers a chance to break out the dancing shoes, meet friends old and new, and get moving to some of the best in live beach music - FREE admission - Food and beverages will be for sale; no coolers, please - For information call (803)436-2640.

14

Sumter's House of Classic Movies featuring Rear Window- Sumter Opera House, 21 North Main Street - Doors open at 7pm and the show begins promptly at 7:30pm - This series is presented on the 2nd Friday of each month - Sumter Civic Theater in partnership with the Sumter County Library is bringing back the Classics to the true die hard movie buffs - Each feature film will be provided by the Sumter

County Library -The cost is only \$2.50 (two dollars and fifty cents) per person and all proceeds will go the Sumter County Library Children's Programs - Seating is limited so come early - For more information call (803)436-2640.

14

Oktoberfest on Main presented by Hamptons- Downtown Sumter on Main St. -When it's October you have to think OKTOBERFEST- Downtown Sumter will transform with that feel of an old German town on with atmosphere, German Beer, Wine, Music and delicious Food that is good for the soul and fun for all ages (Must be 21 years or older for alcohol consumption so bring your ID) - Details coming soon - For more information call (803) 436-2640.

15

Art in the Park - Historic Memorial Park (located in-between Calhoun, Hampton, Park and North Salem) - 10am-3pm - Details coming soon - If you would like to participate or for more information, call Laura Cardello at (803) 773-6853.

20-22

SCISA Volleyball Tournament- Sumter County Civic Center, 700 W. Liberty St. - Time TBA - More details coming soon - For more information call (803) 436-2270.

20-23

SLT presents "Nunsense" - Sumter Little Theatre, 14 Mood Ave. - Thurs.-Sat. 8pm & Sunday 3pm - Written by: Dan Coggin - Featuring star turns, tap and ballet dancing, an audience quiz, and comic surprises, this show has become an international phenomenon. With more than 5000 productions worldwide, it has been translated into 21 languages. - © Copyright 2010-2015, Nunsense and ArtSite Design - - Ticket prices: \$15 for adults and \$12 for student/senior/military - For more information call (803) 775-2150.

21

Fridays at the Plaza Concert Series - Rotary Centennial Plaza (corner of Liberty and South Main Streets) - 7-10 pm - Fridays caters to an adult audience and features an exciting variety of live music, from classic rock to cool jazz - Bring your lawn chairs and be part of the fun - Adult venue - Admission to Fridays at the Plaza is free - Food and beverages are for sale; no coolers are permitted - Parking available in the Opera House parking lot; Harvin Street, Sumter - For more information about downtown Sumter's free outdoor concerts, log on to www.sumtersc.gov <<http://www.sumtersc.gov/>> or please call the Swan Lake Visitors Center at (803) 436-2640 or 1-800-688-4748.

22

TriSumter Triathlon - City of Sumter Aquatics Center, 1115 S. Lafayette Dr. - 8:30am - Presented by Anytime Fitness - USAT Sanctioned -The TriSumter Triathlon is a multi-sport event including the completion of three continuous sequential endurance events - The swim is a 300 yard pool swim in the outdoor heated pool at

the City of Sumter Aquatics Center - It will be a stagger start with one person starting every five seconds - There will also be a 15 mile bike course and a 5 k running course that will travel throughout the Sumter area - All of the events will start and end at the City of Sumter Aquatics Center - You can pick up your packets on Friday October 21st, from 4-8 p.m. at the City of Sumter Aquatics Center, or on the morning of the race - The race will be organized and timed by Race Day Events - A map of the course will be available - No strollers or pets please.

Pricing:	Individual:	Team:
Two months before	\$45	\$75
Two weeks before	\$60	\$90
Race Day	\$90	N/A

To register, please visit <https://www.edgereg.com/registration/event/742> - For additional information, please call (803) 774-3998 or visit www.sumtersc.gov/visitingus/TriSumter.aspx.

22

Sumter Cruisers Car Club Cruise-in - Kmart (parking lot), 1143 Broad St. - 5-8pm - Cruise-ins are held on the fourth Saturday from April to October. If you have a car to show, you are welcome to join the cruisers for the cruise-in - FREE admission - if you don't have a show car please come anyway and see the nice cars For more information contact John Coward (803)481-3003.

22-23

USSSA Baseball Tournament - Patriot Park Sportsplex, 380 General Drive - Spectators welcome - Adults \$5.00 - Children 12 & under \$3.00

For more information (803) 436-2248

24 - Nov 10

Fall Basketball Registration - Sumter County Recreation Department, 155 Haynsworth St. - Monday through Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm - For more information call (803) 436-2248.

27-30

Manchester Trail Riders Horse Ride - Mill Creek Park, 7995 Milford Plantation Road - Hosted by the Sumter County Recreation Dept. - For more information call (803)436-2248.

27-30

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28-30

The Outback Adult Championships - Palmetto Tennis Center, 400 Theatre Drive - This is a USTA SC level 4 tournament for adults - The event consist of NTRP 2.5-4.5 Singles and Doubles for men and women and 6.0 7.0 and 8.0 Mixed Doubles - Matches will start on Friday at 5:00pm, Saturday at 8:00am and Sunday 8:00am - There is a First Match loser's consolation in all events - Entry fee is 35.00 - This adult tournament attracts players from across the state and is catered by Outback Steakhouse - Spectators welcome - FREE admission - For more information please call (803)774-3969.

31

Halloween on Main - Main Street - Downtown Sumter - 5:30-8:00pm -The City of Sumter invites you out to a night of family fun and trick or treating - Games, magic show, storytelling, movies, dancers, hay rides, costume contests, and trick or treating on Main Street with 20 different Candy Stations - Fun for the whole family - Food and beverages will be available for purchase so come out early for food, fun and trick or treating at Downtown Sumter's Annual... HALLOWEEN ON MAIN - This event is FREE and open to the public - For more information call (803) 436-2640.

NOVEMBER

4

Sumter Senior Services 5th Annual Sip and Stroll - Downtown Sumter - 6-8:30pm - Benefiting Meals on Wheels - Sponsored by The City of Sumter and Sumter County Cultural Commission - This event will kick off the WineFest season with a "stroll" through downtown Sumter - Tasting a wide variety of wines and hors d'oeuvres, participants will visit Sumter businesses and enjoy a variety of live musical entertainment - Attendees will enjoy music, a stroll through our historic business district and will have the opportunity to become familiar with the redevelopment of downtown - Don't miss this outstanding event - Ticket prices TBA - For more information call (803) 773-5508 or visit www.sumterwinefest.org <<http://www.sumterwinefest.org>> .

5-6

ISA Softball Tournament - Patriot Park Sportsplex, 380 General Drive - Spectators Welcome! Admission is \$5/adults and \$3/children 12 & under - For more information, call (803) 436-2248.

11

Veterans Day Ceremony - Sumter County Courthouse, Downtown Sumter - The Sumter County Veterans Association will conduct its annual outdoor Veterans Day ceremony at the Sumter County Courthouse on November 11, 2011 at 11:00am - The public is invited - More details coming soon - For more information, call (803) 436-2640.

16

18th Annual Big Wednesday Classic - Sunset Country Club, 1005 Golfcrest Road - More details coming soon! - For More Information Contact Erica M. Christmas at (803) 938-3851.

17

Carolina Backcountry Oyster Roast - Sumter County Museum, 122 N. Washington St. - All the steamed oysters you can handle are at the top of the menu for this anticipated annual event - Barbecue, chili, "drunken collards" and beverages add to the night of food and fun - Tickets Required - Ticket price TBA - Space is limited - Advance sales only - For more information, call (803) 775-0908.

18

Sumter's House of Classic Movies featuring Lawrence of Arabia - Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St. - Doors open at 7pm and the show begins promptly at 7:30pm - This series is presented on the 2nd Friday of each month - Sumter Civic Theater in partnership with the Sumter County Library is bringing back the Classics to the true die hard movie buffs - Each feature film will be provided by the Sumter County Library - The cost is only \$2.50 per person and all proceeds will go the Sumter County Library Children's Programs - Seating is limited so come early - For more information, call (803) 436-2640.

19

Eastern District Soccer Championships - Patriot Park Sportsplex, 380 General Drive - Spectators Welcome - Details coming soon - For more information, call (803) 436-2248.

19

Indoor Garage Sale - Sumter County Civic Center, 700 W. Liberty St. - 8am-2pm - Hundreds of vendors join Sumter's largest garage sale - Hunt for treasures or take advantage of the chance to sell your own items - Free to the public - For more information, call (803) 436-2270.

19-20

USSSA Baseball Tournament - Patriot Park Sportsplex, 380 General Drive - Spectators welcome - Adults \$5.00 - Children 12 & under \$3.00 - For more information, call (803) 436-2248.

DECEMBER

1

Swan Lake Fantasy of Lights - Swan Lake Iris Gardens, 822 W. Liberty St. - Opening ceremony will be on December 1st at 6pm - Swan Lake Fantasy of Lights will be Sunday through Thursday from dusk till 9:00pm, and on Friday and Saturday from dusk till 10:00pm - One of the largest lighted displays in South Carolina will illuminate the world famous Swan Lake Iris Gardens - The Opening Ceremony is celebrating the 24th annual Fantasy of Lights and the 32nd Anniversary of the Floating Christmas Tree - The world famous 150 acre Swan Lake-Iris Gardens will illuminate with more than a million lights and 150 lighted figures - Come to Sumter and see one of the largest FREE lighted displays come alive - The Fantasy of Lights is open nightly through December 31st - For more information, call (803) 436-2640.

2

Sumter County Christmas Tree Lighting - Sumter County Courthouse - 4:30pm - Join the citizens of Sumter on the courthouse lawn as Sumter County's spectacular community Christmas tree blazes into life - Live entertainment - Followed by "A Walk with St. Nick" starting at 6pm - FREE - For more information call (803)436-2248.

2

A Walk with St. Nick - Sumter County Courthouse - Come join us for an evening of fun as we walk with ST. NICK - Friday, December 2, 2011 following the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Courthouse at 4:30p.m. - The walk will begin at the Courthouse & proceed south on Main St. then right on Hampton Ave. arriving at the Sumter County Museum on N. Washington St. - After a time of bonfire carol singing, storytelling, & refreshments, the walk will conclude back at the Courthouse - This event is FREE and open to the public - For more information call the Recreation Department at (803) 436-2248.

2-17

Santa's Village 2011 -Swan Lake Iris Gardens Heath Pavilion (Garden St.), 822 West Liberty Street - Guess who's coming to the Fantasy of Lights Friday, December 2nd? - From 6-8pm it's one of the largest celebrations in South Carolina! - The world famous 150 acre Swan Lake-Iris Gardens will illuminate with more than a million lights and 100 lighted figures - The children visit with Jolly Ole Saint Nick himself - Enjoy fabulous refreshments while musicians and choirs perform the holiday sounds of music and dance - Hey kids fill out your letters of holiday wished for The Santa Express - Your letters will go straight to the North Pole - So come to Sumter and see one of the largest FREE lighted displays in South Carolina - The Fantasy of Lights is open nightly through December 31 - Santa's Village is open Friday and Saturday evenings with live entertainment from 6-8 p.m. through December 17th - For more information call the Swan Lake Visitors Center at (803)436-2640.

2

Sumter's House of Classics II featuring The Man Who Came to Dinner - Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St. - Movie starts at 7:30pm - Doors open at 7:00pm - Sumter's House of Classics II is the first Friday of each month - The sequel to an already

great series, Sumter's House of Classic Movies, Classics II features more recent classics and some fare one normally would not see at the usual Classic Movie night - Tickets are \$2.50 per person at the door on the day of the show - Movie listing coming soon - For more information, call (803) 436-2640.

3

Sumter Council of Garden Club's Holiday House Tour - Alice Boyle Garden Center, 842 W. Liberty St. (adjacent to Swan Lake Iris Gardens) - Tea from 3-5pm and Tour from 1-7pm - Christmas in Sumter, the 62nd Annual Holiday House Tour will be presented by the Council of Garden Clubs in Sumter - Tickets are available at the door of each home or at the Alice Boyle Garden Center on 842 West Liberty St. on this date - Ticket prices TBA - For more information call Katherine Barrett at (803) 469-8143.

3

Breakfast with Santa - Sumter County Recreation Department, 155 Haynsworth St. - 10am-Noon - Share "the most important meal of the day" with Santa Claus at this favorite annual event - All ages welcome - Admission is \$5/adults, \$3/children under 12 - For more information call (803)436-2248.

4

Evening Optimist Christmas Parade - Downtown Sumter, Main St. - Lineup 1:00pm, Parade 2:00pm - The annual Sumter Christmas Parade will feature marching bands, beauty queens, festive holiday floats and much more - Holiday cheer parades down Sumter's Main Street in an array of song, dance, floats and more - FREE - If You Are Interested In Participating or for More Information Please Call (803) 983-3916 - You May Also Pick Up An Application at the Swan Lake Visitors Center, 822 W Liberty St.

8-11

SLT presents "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" - Sumter Little Theatre, 14 Mood Ave. - Thursday-Saturday 8pm & Sunday 3pm - Written by: Barbara Robinson- In this hilarious Christmas tale, a couple struggling to put on a church Christmas pageant is faced with casting the Herdman kids-- probably the most inventively awful kids in history - You won't believe the mayhem-- and the fun-- when the Herdmans collide with the Christmas story head on! - Samuel French "An American classic."-- McCall's Magazine "One of the best Christmas stories ever-- and certainly one of the funniest."-- The Seattle Times This delightful comedy is adapted from the bestselling book and the only story ever to run twice in McCall's Magazine - Ticket prices: \$10 for adults, \$8 for student/senior/military and \$6 for children under 6 years - All seating is reserved and reservations are recommended - For more information call (803) 775-2150.

11

Sumter-Shaw Community Concert Band Christmas Concert - Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St. - 7:30pm - FREE admission - For more information, call (803) 436-2640.

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16

Sumter's House of Classic Movies featuring Miracle on 34th Street - Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St. - Doors open at 7pm and the show begins promptly at 7:30pm This series is presented on the 2nd Friday of each month - Sumter Civic Theater in partnership with the Sumter County Library is bringing back the Classics to the true die hard movie buffs - Each feature film will be provided by the Sumter County Library - The cost is only \$2.50 per person and all proceeds will go the Sumter County Library Children's Programs - Seating is limited so come early - For more information, call (803) 436-2640.

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Sumter County Museum - (803) 775-0908 www.sumtercountymuseum.org
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Patriot Hall - (803) 436-2260 www.sumtercountysc.org/culture/pathall.htm

Sumter Little Theatre - (803) 775-2150 www.sumterlittletheatre.org
<<http://www.sumterlittletheatre.org/>>

Sumter-Shaw Community Concert Association - (803)499-4032 www.scca.info
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Sumter Community Concert Band - (803)428-3325 or 428-3454 www.uscsumter.edu/~band

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